

BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

PACIFIC COASTERS AGAINST GAMES WITH CUBS

By Mark Shields

Pres. Baum of the Pacific Coast league, on his way home from the meeting of the minor league in New Orleans, stopped off here for a conference with Pres. Weeghman of the Cubs regarding the proposed training trip of the North Side club to California next spring.

The tidings Baum imported might have been better. He declared club owners in his organization were deadlocked on the proposition of playing exhibition games with major league clubs and it was probable the deadlock would continue.

Some of the club owners are pointing to the record of last season, when early interest in the pennant race was stronger than for many years. Gate receipts increased and the club owners laid this to the fact that fans had not been surfeited with exhibition games. Their appetites for baseball had not been dulled.

It is possible to circumvent the law against exhibition games on the coast by playing on neutral grounds outside the five-mile club limit. From a practice standpoint that would be satisfactory to Weeghman, but it would make an awful hole in the receipts and the exhibition trip would be a dead loss.

The attitude of the Pacific coasters has not dampened the ardor of Weeghman and his associates and they still favor the west as a training camp. If the contract with Tampa business men can be canceled it is certain the team will go to California in February.

A lack of exhibition games might be a good thing for the North Siders. Until last season the White Sox were California visitors, and played in anywhere from 40 to 50 exhibition games on the coast and en route

back home. Consequently, when the season opened, the athletes were on the verge of going stale. They opened the season at a hot clip, but wilted within a few weeks and tumbled from their lofty position.

Last spring the Sox went to Texas. Few games were scheduled and the team came home in shape to start right. It was not at top speed at the opening of the season, but grew steadily better and was not in a protracted slump at any time during the campaign.

Cal Ewing, owner of the San Francisco club, acting for the minor league magnates, conferred with Ban Johnson about a new board of arbitration to consist of five men, with the minors having a say. Cal got no encouragement from Ban. And he isn't liable to.

The American league meeting will be held Dec. 12 at the Hotel La Salle here. The National league will meet the same day in New York. Principal Chicago interest centers in the latter session, as Pres. Weeghman and Manager Tinker are going east with the firm intention of making deals that will strengthen the Cubs.

Weeghman is also talking a trip to St. Louis to see Mrs. Britton in an effort to land Roger Hornsby or Catcher Snyder. Both are Cardinal stars and would be top-notch players with any ball club. Hornsby, who played three positions on the infield last season, was rated the best recruit of the year.

Northwestern's football team is on edge for Saturday's game with Ohio State. Every one of Murphy's basketball playing backfield is in the best condition of the season. Driscoll, Cigrand, Ellingwood, Brightmire, Underhill, Kohler and Williams were given a long drill with forward passes yesterday and today, and it is evident the Purple coach will depend on the open game to land the Conference title.